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In response to the Office Action dated December 5, 2000, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Applicant also submits concurrent with this Response a request for two-months' extension of time. Another version of the rewritten claims with markings to indicate the changes are included on a separate sheet attached to this response. Additionally, please provide any extensions of time, which may be necessary, and charge any fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but do not include the payment of issue fees that are or may become due.